TEEN and NOW!

By Frances H. Paulette

"Mama Rach"

Rachel Lawson and a friend, Hana Hornungora, who had been Rachel's interpreter when they were Czechoslovakia are shown on a street of London, England.

PART // "MAMA RACH"

Nicknames, or names of endearment, are sometimes kind of odd, it seems. Occasionally the name really 'fits' the person with whom it is associated, then again it is tacked on to a person without any seeming suitability. The nickname, 'Mama Rach' fits Mrs. Rachel Ferguson Lawson of Lee Street, Appomattox like a glove!

'Mama Rach' is a good mother to her four boys, Jack, Bobby, Fred, and Harry Gordon and their families, but her mothering doesn't stop there, no indeed!

While Rachel Lawson gave birth to only four boys, her heart tells her that she has six! Two nephews, Sam Ferguson III and J. D. Ferguson are, by her own admission, as close to her as her own sons.

If you are a member of Rachel's family, you can be very sure of one thing - - you'll never go lacking in the love and attention department. But, her caring manner extends beyond her family and friends, to strangers even.

I wonder just how many people have had the privilege of calling 'Mama Rach's' house 'home'? Sometimes it is only for a few weeks until they can get a more permanent place, sometimes for several months but one thing is certain - - you never forget 'Mama Rach's'. I doubt if even Rachel Lawson knows just how many have made their home with her over the years. Not only does one find lodging in this home but a friend as well.

Although a family person at heart, Rachel Lawson is not a private person; she couldn't very well have been . . . too many years were spent in meeting and dealing with the public.

From 1934 through 1965 'Mama Rach' worked for the local post office. On October 8, 1964 she received a certificate of award as "official commendation and appreciation for contributing a beneficial suggestion" from the Post Office Department; on November of the same year Mrs. Lawson received from the Post Office Department a "Superior Accomplishment Award in recognition of Notable performance," and again on Dec. 30, 1965 upon retirement she received an Honorable Recognition Award.

Because of her public service and love of people, there aren't many citizens of Appomattox County that 'Mama Rach' doesn't know. Not only does she enjoy people, but she is an avid 'goer' - - - always has been, always will be!

During the years of growing up, Rachel and her brothers and sisters were constantly on the go. As small children they had pony carts, a little later it was a surry with fringe on top - - just like the song. A few years later, at about age 14, Rachel was gadding about town in a seven passenger Chandler car. It seems it wasn't necessary THEN to wait until a given age and obtain a driving permit before operating an automobile. I don't know what procedure was followed, but a permit was not part of the necessary equipment.

Rachel recalled picnics in the country on a Saturday. A group of young people would pile in the surry and away they would go, sometimes to the "Tank Pond". Another favorite past time of the young people way back THEN was going down to the Depot as the train station was called for many years, and having your picture taken on the steps on the train - - - with your boyfriend of course. Rachel's late sister, Russell Ferguson Wagers, loved doing just that and Rachel has all the pictures to prove it!!

Once when Rachel, accompanied by her sister, Russell, was riding the train to Lynchburg, she kept poking her head out of the train window. She was warned repeatedly by her sister to cut out the unladylike behavior. She didn't, of course, and the next thing she knew her hat was gone - - flying out of the train window. For this she was rewarded with a vigorous slap from her sister!

Like every mother, Rachel remembers well certain incidents or situations that occured during the years when her children were small. Some of those incidents were laugh-provoking, others brought tears with remembering.

When Harry Gordon was six years of age he was to take part in one of the late Miss Kate Franklin's music recitals -- take part he did! He was the main attraction!!

It seems that Rachel's mother, the late Mrs. S. L. Ferguson (Adella), had been sick and because of this Rachel was giving her a bit of extra attention; she asked one of the older boys if they would see that Harry Gordon was properly dressed for the recital. She assumed that all was well. Rachel and Grandma arrived and took a seat, anticipating a pleasant but uneventful evening. Harry Gordon was backstage waiting his turn to perform.

The recital progressed as planned until Harry Gordon made his appearance. Out he came and down they came - his pants! The little fellow just stood there; finally his mother made him realize that all of her frantic gestures meant for him to leave the stage. He did, with Mama in attendance. As soon as the problem was resolved he reappeared; after all the show must go on!

One afternoon Rachel returned from a shopping spree in Lynchburg to find her son, Fred, sitting on the porch steps nursing an injured elbow. It looked terrible, all scratched and bleeding.

It seems that during her absence the boys decided to dig a swimming pool. They did! After filling with water, Fred climbed a nearby tree and dived in, his arm catching on several nails in the trees as he went down. In my estimation he was lucky to have a scratched and bleeding arm rather than a broken neck!

It takes a heap of living, loving, and just plain old worrying to bring up a family and Rachel had her share. She had lots of other things too; next week in the concluding article we'll learn something of what Rachel did after the family was 'grown and gone'! Plan to spend a few minutes with me, won't you?

VIRGINIA FIBRE REPORTS WOOD PURCHASES FOR WEEK

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville for the week ending February 20, 1978. Purchases are listed by counties.

Albemarle	4,227.93
Amelia	—
Amherst	7,222.70
Appomattox	8,488.29
Augusta	—
Bedford County	2,442.57
Buckingham	9,892.37
Prince William	312.36
Campbell	8,844.62
Charlotte	5,727.46
Cumberland	3,702.84
	1,733.22
Goochland	911.18
Halifax	2,262.43
Nelson	9,744.85
Middlesex	1,063.52
New Kent	—
Pittsylvania	407.44
Powhatan	1,424.68
Prince Edward	595.42
Total	**$69,004.88**

We feel this information will be of interest to readers in Appomattox County as well as in adjoining counties.

Sout h's Top Tree Farmer From Virginia

The year's top Tree Farmer in the South helps rehabilitate alcohol and narcotics addicts, but admits he is hooked on trees. "I've been hooked on forestry and conservation ever since high school," says the Rev. Henry V. Langford, executive secretary of Virginia's Alcohol Narcotics Education Council, Inc. in Richmond. "Forestry is my second love after the ministry."

Mr. Langford has just been named the 1978 Outstanding Southern Tree Farmer by Southern Forest Institute in Atlanta. He was selected from among thirteen state winners for turning "almost worthless" land into a growing forest that will yield income and enjoyment in the future. It took about 25 years to save enough money from my ministry salary to buy some land to get started growing trees. I owe my success to sacrifice and hardwork by my wife and three sons. Without them my tree planting dreams would never have come true," added Langford.

SFI, a division of the American Forest Institute, recognized Langford for his work on 400 acres in Montgomery County, Va. When he purchased the land, most of it was covered with mature trees. However, the standing trees had already been sold by the previous owner and would not be completely harvested for five years. "I wasn't willing to wait five years to begin a program of reforestation," said the minister/social worker. "So, I planted about 5,000 white pine and 2,000 native Virginia pine on some of the open, accessible land."

Five years later, when work ended on the remaining land, reforestation seemed impossible because of costs involved to clear the remaining inferior trees to make way for replanting. However, Mr. Langford's determination and assistance from county foresters led to the purchase of those trees by a forest products company. The way was clear for new trees. Using the harvesting profits, Mr. Langford invested in a new forest. He planted 130,000 white and loblolly pine seedlings in 1975. "One year later we planted an additional 16,000 pines and began an aerial spray program to control unwanted brush which had begun competing with the already planted trees," said Langford.

He now owns 800 acres in 8 different counties in Virginia, has planted more than a quarter of a million trees, approved existing timber stands, and reforested over 325 acres. Langford says, "The greatest reward is not just the possibility of future returns, but the personal satisfaction that comes with the fruits of foresight, planning and hard work . . . and the solemn pride of a difficult job well done. This is my tree planting dream come true."

The Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year award was presented at Southern Forest Institute's annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. The Tree Farm System, sponsored in Virginia by the forest products industry through Virginia Forestry Association, recognizes private landowners who manage their lands wisely. There are more than 35,000 Tree Farmers across the nation; 20,000 are in the South. There are 948 certified Tree Farmers in Virginia. Mr. Langford will compete with other regional winners for selection as National Tree Farmer of the Year. In 1977 Mr. Langford was Virginia's State Outstanding Tree Farmer and was recognized for this honor at the annual meeting of Virginia Forestry Associaiton. VFA is a non-profit conservation organization founded in 1943. Foresters, Tree Farmers, teachers and conservationists, as well as forest products companies make up its 1,800 members.

Mr. langford's tree farms are located in Wise, Montgomery, Floyd Powhatan, Goochland, Russell, Bedford and Halifax counties.

CONCORD YOUNG HOMEMAKERS CLUB

Dr. Arnold Oaks, Superintendent of Campbell County Schools, was speaker for Concord Young Homemakers Club on Monday night. He spoke on "Community Involvement In Schools."

New officers were installed for 1978: President, Mrs. Charlotte Bryant; Vice-Pres. - Miss Roberta Gunter; Secretary, Mrs. Betsy Martin; Treasurer, Mrs. Marie Perrow; Historian, Colena Roberts; Reporter, Barbara Jordan.

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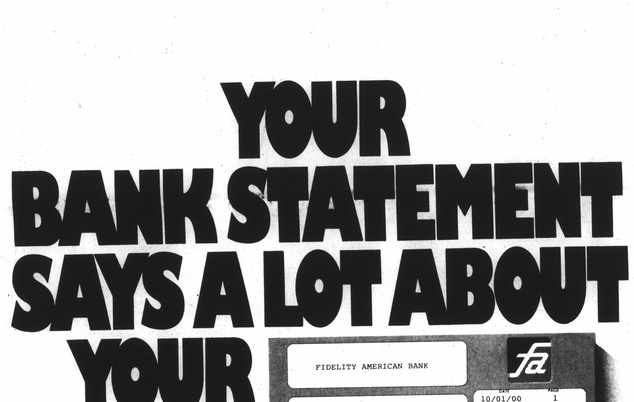

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

Lest we complain about the weather, let us note the severe situations in many parts of the nation. In much of our nation the winter of 1977-78 will be recordad as one of the worst of the century. Some years ago I visited some of our Western states and marveled at how dry it was, for example, in Arizona. Today we read of the streets of Phenix being flooded. And wonderful Southern California. It is being battered by rain and mud. Ah yes, and the Navajo Indians we visited are now being helped by planes bringing in supplies. Another item for thought is when it will be dry enough to seed a crop. We are fortunate in that Appomattox has been blessed in comparison with many localities.

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Overheard . . . March usually comes in like a lion, but this year it came in like a polar bear. Instead of going out like a lamb, it may just slide out.

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My windowside bird feeder has been active. So active have had to restock twice with smallbird seed. In the book, "That Quail, Robert" I read that whereas most animals are color blind, birds and monkeys have the rods and cones in their eyes to recognize colors.

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A reader stopped me to report that he had an old grindstone and an antique mattock. I had mentioned such items in a recent column.

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And, Col. McLaughlin brought me a copy of the Charlotte, N.C. Observer. The Tar Heel State has recently been the basketball capital of the area.

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Ask questions and you get answers. I asked who held the record for the best score at the local Falling River Country Club golf course. The answer . . . Jerry Conner. He shot a sixty-six on the par 72 courses, in the second round of the Labor Day tournament, September 1977. Had a 54-hole total of 210, six under par. Birdies and one eagle. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Conner, and is now a student at Virginia Tech, where he will be a member of this year's golf team. Nice going.

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What is the oldest book on your bookshelf? Yesterday I was looking for something to read and chanced upon a well preserved hardback book that was printed in 1827. The title . . . "An Introduction to the Critical Study and Knowledge of The Holy Scriptures" by Thomas Hartwell Horne. Volume IV, six hundred pages. I think that I acquired this book some years ago in a trade. An reading it very slowly and carefully and it throws new light on many of the Scriptures.

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An outstanding record has been made by the Liberty (Bedford) girls basketball team. Last week I read that they were to play Atlantic in a state title contest. Liberty over Alastic is over on the Eastern Shore, in Accomack County. I remember it when it had no high school, and the village centered around the fine country store of Mrs. Gladys McCready. I have not been on The Shore for years and surely would not recognize things now. Anyway, basketball has come to the forefront as a major sport and involves hundreds of our fine young students. Anyone want to pick an all-time all-star Appomattox basketball team, boys and girls?

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A letter on my desk tells of a proposal that a special postage stamp be issued in honor of Joel Walker (Joe) Sweeney and the Banjo. Great, but probably a long way off. If issued, first day cancellation should be at Appomattox.

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Space runneth out, so thanks for reading and seeya next week.

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Dr. W. Landon Miller

LIBERTY TO HOST AREA CHURCHES IN BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Sunday evening, March 11, the Liberty Baptist Church will host other area churches for a study of Exodus. The guest teacher will be Dr. W. Landon Miller from Richmond, Va.

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Dr. Miller received the greater part of his education from Southern, Princeton, and Southwestern Seminaries. He has held various denominational positions within the Southern Baptist Convention. He has traveled extensively with preaching missions in the British Isles and the Bahama Islands. It should also be noted that he has authorized several books. Presently he serves as pastor of the Northminister Baptist Church of Richmond, Va. During these adult Bible studies on Exodus there will also be a youth Bible study on Genesis discussing such topics as creation, the flood, and the reliability of Biblical faith. These studies will be conducted by Rev. Larry Worley, Associate Pastor at Liberty.

The general public is invited and a nursery will be provided each evening.

PAMPLIN RETIRED PERSONS WILL MEET MARCH 9th

The Pamplin Chapter, American Association of Retired Persons will meet at 7:30 p.m. on March 9th at the Pamplin Charge Methodist Church.

After a one-half hour business meeting, a talk will be given by Mrs. Shirley Walton on home gardening and care.

Mrs. Walton joined the Appomattox County VPI & Cooperative Extension Service as an agent in September of 1973 after having taught Home Economics and Education in Pittsylvania County.

The wife of Lloyd G. Walton, Superintendent of Appomattox County Public Schools, they have two daughters, Cheryl, age 15, and Laura, age 14.

All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting.

Boosters' Club Projects - Help Needed

The Appomattox County High School Boosters Club continues to fulfill its primary function - to support the growth and improvement of the high school athletic program. The Boosters Club, under the former leadership fo Harry G. Lawson and Bill Jamerson, has made valuable contributions toward the improvement of the athletic program.

Through the efforts of the Boosters Club, the high school has been able to purchase new uniforms, build a track at the new high school, buy track equipment such as hurdles, and an astro pit, purchase a camera to film football games, buy a whirlpool to treat athletic injuries, purchase a new 7-man blocking sled and other equipment necessary to teach the athletes. The young people of the community have benefited tremendously from the support of this organization.

However, their support is a continuing support. What next for the Boosters Club??

A number of projects for the improvement of the athletic program are on the agenda. A project of top priority is the improvement of the high school football field. Under the leadership of President John T. Paulette, the club hopes to accomplish by the opening game of the '78 season: 1 - an improved lighting system, 2 - a new concession stand on the home side, 3 - added fencing, 4 - new ticket booths and improvements to the press box.

These cannot be accomplished by the Boosters Club and High School alone. They will need the help of the community organizations and individuals. These stadium improvements are essential to maintain what we believe is the best stadium in the district.

Appomattox has always been a proud community and with a combined effort the A.C.H.S. athletic program will continue to grow - with pride.

For more informaiton on Boosters Club projects contact, John T. Paulette, Gordon Bragg and/or attend the next Boosters Club meeting March 16, 1978 at the high school.

Britton Discussed Land Use Plan With Pamplin Ruritans

Appomattox Town Manager, Bill Britton, presented a program on land use planning for Appomattox County to the Pamplin Ruritan Club. "State law mandates that we develop a land use plan," Britton said, "If we don't make plans for ourselves, the state will make them for us." The town manager urged everyone to become involved in the planning process to get what they want in the plan. Several public hearings will be held. The hearing on the land use plan for the county and Pamplin will be at the Pamplin Firehall March 9, at 7:30 p.m. Assisting Britton with the program were Foster Paulette and Bruce Hammett of the Central Va. Planning District Commission.

Certificates of appreciation for helping at the Pamplin Recreation Center were presented to Dalton Elder, Make Richardson, Ronnie Richardson and Jerry Womack. Others receiving certificates but not present were Larry McFadden, Bruce Sanders, Robert Saunders, Tony Williams, Steve Baker and Jr. Richardson.

Friends of Library Elected Officers

The Friends of the Library installed new officers when they held a meeting February 20th at the home of Bob Jamerson.

Installed were: Edith Nash, President; Lucille Ferrell, Vice President; Ann Robinson, Secretary; Eleanor McWilliams, Treasurer; and Minerva Kepler, Historian.

Committees appointed were: Membership Committee, Eleanor McWilliams, Chairman; Phone Committee, Virginia Beard, Edith Nash, and Minerva Kepler; Nursing Home Committee, Minerva Kepler and Verna Conner; and Public Relations Committee, Mary Jane Hoffman.

April 2 - 8 was announced as National Library Week and the Friends will have a membership drive that week.

Bob Jamerson pointed out the need for historical research and there was discussion about microfilming. There is a back file of the Times-Virginian for 85 years and to microfilm such a valuable county historical resource would cost approximately $300. Mr. Jamerson said that he felt that the Times-Virginian, Inc. would give permission to have this done.

A "Go and See Tour" of the following school libraries has been arranged for March 8th: meet at Appomattox Elementary School at 10 a.m., Appomattox Primary School, 11:00 a.m., Appomattox Middle School, 11:00 a.m., Appomattox County High School, 11:30 a.m., Pamplin Elementary School, 12:15 p.m. and end with lunch at Pamplin School at 12:45 p.m.

TRAFFIC ON HIGHWAY 460. In front of Appomattox Truck and Tractor, Inc. was tied up for several hours early Friday morning as the result of an accident of two tractor-trailers. Prior to 8:00 a. m. Friday morning, a tractor-trailer, carrying a load of beer, was parked off the highway near Seay's Service Station. When the driver attempted to pull out going West bound, the wheels would not turn due to the icy, snowy condition of the road and the truck went across Route 460. Another tractor-trailer, loaded with agriculture fertiliser, heading East bound, jack-knifed when the driver applied brakes trying to avoid an accident but was unable to stop and hit the side of the beer-loaded truck shown in the photo above. Neither driver was injured in the accident. Damage to the trailer and property was estimated at $25,000 and damage to the tractor hauling fertilizer was estimated at $15,000. All but one land of Route 460 was blocked for traffic until about 6 a.m. when the turning-lane was opened. The highway was not completely cleared to traffic until approximately 8 p.m. Friday night. The State Police, working the accident, expressed their appreciation to the Highway Department for their assistance in directing traffic, possibly preventing other accidents, and to members of the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department for standing by to assist if a fire broke out as the result of the accident.

Lions Club To Meet Tonight

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight, Thursday, at 6:45 p.m. at Maudes Restaurant.

Dr. C. G. O'Brien will be in charge of the program on Sight Conservation. R. Kenneth Hudgins, Director of the Old Dominion Eye Bank & Research, Inc. will be the guest speaker for the evening.

Hudgins, born in Petersburg, attended public schools there and attended the College of William and Mary. He was appointed Director of the Old Dominion Eye Bank & Research, Inc. in July of 1961.

A member of the Petersburg Lions Club, he has served 23 years as secretary of his club and has served his District as Zone Chairman and Cabinet Secretary.

Hudgins for twelve years was on the Board of Directors of the Eye Bank Association of America and completed a two-year term as President of that association in 1971. He was re-elected in 1977 to another three-year term on the Board of Directors at the EBAA meeting in Dallas, Texas. He also is a member of the Masonic Order and a member of Washington Street Methodist Church in Petersburg where he serves on the Administrative Board.

All members will want to be present to hear this interesting and informative program.

Golden Eagle and Golden Age Passports Available For 1978

The 1978 Golden Eagle Passport and Lifetime Golden Passport, which waive entrance fees to National Parks and other federal recreation areas, are now available, according to Superintendent Luis Garcia at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park.

The Golden Eagle Passport admits the permit holder and an accompanying carload of passengers to national parks, monuments and recreation areas. It does not cover use fees such as those charged for camping or boat launching.

"Some parks and recreation areas may be entered and used free of charge, however, those who plan to visit several parks that charge fees can save by buying the Golden Eagle Passport for $10 rather than paying individual entrance fees that range from 50 cents per person to $3 per carload," Garcia said. "From April 1st through October, Appomattox Court House NHP charges a one dollar per carload fee. For those who are frequent visitors, the Golden Eagle Passport could mean a savings."

"The Passport is available at those areas charging entrance fees, and to save time, visitors can acquire their Passport at the first national park or federal recreation area they visit," added Garcia. The Golden Eagle Passport is good for one calender year only.

Citizens or permanent residents of the United States who are 62 years or older may acquire the free, lifetime Golden Age Passport. The Golden Age Passport not only waives entrance fees to all national parks and other federal recreation areas, but provides a 50% discount on federal "use" fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, boat launching, parking, etc. The Golden Age Passport, however, does not cover fees charged for services provided by private concessioners.

The Golden Age Passport can be obtained at most areas of the National Park Service and some federal recreation areas. It must be obtained in person along with proof of age, such as a birth certificate or State driver's license.

Scout Fund Drive Underway

The Appomattox Lions Club, sponsors of the 1978 Blue Ridge Mountains Council Fund Drive in the county, will kickoff the campaign at their March 9th meeting. Lloyd Walton, chairman of the Clubs Youth Committee, is providing leadership for the drive that hopes to raise $2500.00 to support the scouting program in Appomattox County. The money is used to provide council services to scouts and leaders in Appomattox.

These services include activities like camparees, Pinewood Derbies and Cub Day Camps; office services like record keeping, a monthly newsletter and program information; a professional staff; training for boys and leaders; and a council summer camp program. Team captains who will direct the solicitations will be Ivey Holland, Jim Smith, V. O. Mims, Jim Pugh, Danny Herncall and Mike Weiss. The Lions Club hopes to complete the drive by their March 23 meeting your generous support of the Blue Ridge Mountains Council program will be greatly appreciated by the boys in cubbing and scouting in Appomattox County.

March 16 UDC To Meet

The Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet at John Mosby Inn Restaurant on Thursday, March 16 at 12:30 p.m.

Reservations for luncheon are not necessary, but it is hoped that all members will attend the meeting.

County Decals Now On Sale

Appomattox County decals for all motor vehicles went on sale March 1, 1978 and must be purchased no later than March 31st, according to a statement from Mrs. Ida H. Campbell, Treasurer of Appomattox County.

In order to obtain these decals, you must bring your state registration card.

The Treasurer's Office will be open Saturday, March 18, and Saturday, March 25, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon for the convenience of citizens of the county in obtaining these decals.

Babcock, Elliott Three Others Join Council Race

Eight Candidates In Race For Pamplin Council

H. Webster Babcock, Francis A. Elliott, Thomas W. Lawson, Samuel E. Carter and Maurice E. Gordon have announced their intentions to be candidates for members of the Appomattox Town Council, subject to the election of May 2, 1978.

These five men have joined incumbents R. L. Bass, T. E. Conner and R. C. Hubbard in the race for a seat on council.

The deadline for filing intentions to be a candidate was set at 7 p.m. Tuesday of this week. As of mid-afternoon on Tuesday these were the eight men who had filed as candidates for the six-man council.

Ronald C. Spiggle last week announced his candidacy for the office of Mayor of the Town of Appomattox after Mayor Henry B. Pack stated that he would not seek re-election.

On Tuesday afternoon Ralph Merritt Hamlett of Pamplin announced his intention to seek the office of Mayor of the Town of Pamplin.

J. A. Williams, incumbent Mayor of the Town of Pamplin, had not at presstime announced his intention to be a candidate for re-election.

All six present members of the Pamplin Town Council are seeking reelection in the May 2, 1978 election. They are Edward N. Harvey, J. Malcolm Ingle, T. C. Ligon, Roy P. Lucado, Albert C. Baldwin and George Gilmer Young. Joining them in the race for a seat on the Pamplin Council are Catherine Rebecca Ferguson and James

H. Webster Babcock

Francis A. Elliott

enlistment in the United States Air Force during World War II, Mr. Babcock returned to Amherst where he was activ ein business and civic affairs. While serving on the Amherst Town Council he was honored as Man of the Year by Amherst Board of Trade.

For many years an active Legionnaire, he served as commander and Vice-Commander of Post 98. Presently he is an active member of Post 104 where he has chaired varied committees.

Babcock views with respect and a sense of dedication his obligation to give support and loyalty to the protection of Our Nation and Our People.

A former member of the Board of Stewards of Memorial Methodist Church, Mr. Babcock and wife continue to give their support as active participating members to Memorial Methodist. While a member of the Methodist Church in Amherst, Mr. Babcock was chairman of the building committee for the present Emmanuel Methodist Church.

Formerly employed by Moses Motor Company and Clover Hill Manufacturing, Babcock is fully knowledgeable and understanding concerning transportation and housing problems in the community. His interest in people and his concern with housing for the aged, has led to his initial planning for Babcock's Home for the Aged, which he hopes to have in operation during the fall of 1978.

Mr. Babcock and wife, the former Virginia Godwin Moses, are the parents of Harold Webster Babcock, Jr. and Mrs. Steven Franklin Paulette, II (Patricia Ann Godwin Babcock). They have two grandchildren, Traci Ann Paulette and Harmon Franklin Paulette III. Their son, the owner and operator of Oakridge Bowhunter's Shop, Madison Heights resides in Lynchburg. Mr. and Mrs. Paulette and family are residents of Appomattox County.

Francis A. Elliott, candidate for Town Council member in Appomattox, was born and reared in Roanoke. He graduated from high school in Roanoke and is a graduate of a business college also in Roanoke.

Elliott was in the insurance business for 19½ years before entering the florist business. He spent six years as a florist in Bedford before he and Mrs. Elliott came to Appomattox in 1966 and opened the Elliott Florist & Gifts store on Main Street in Appomattox.

A two and one-half year veteran of World War II, he is a member of Memorial United Methodist Church in Appomattox, a member of the Lions Club for over 35 years.

Married to the former Mildred Lively of Hampton, they are the parents of one son, Francis A. Elliott, Jr., who lives with his family in Cornith, Miss.

As a businessman, Mr. Elliott is interested in the development of downtown Appomattox and has the interest of the citizens of the Town of Appomattox and the County of Appomattox in mind as he seeks election to the town council. He plans to stay in Appomattox and eventually retire here.

If elected, Elliott says he wants to try to give a little to the Town of Appomattox because its people have given and meant so much to him.

Any names added to the list of candidates before the 7 p.m. deadline Tuesday will be published in next week's issue of the Times-Virginian with information and facts about the candidates.

Foster Homes Needed

You may be the one to open your heart and your home to those teenagers, twelve years or older, who are searching for; a home, a family, and a sense of belonging.

All children have the right to be loved! The right to belong to a family! The child who does not know the normality of family life is scarred. He will need to learn to adjust, to trust and to love.

There is no average child, no average foster child, no typical foster family. Any family may become a good foster family. Any child may become a foster child. There but for the "Grace of God go I."

The foster teenager brings with him his chattered, unhappy and other tramatic past experiences. Experiences that he may never forget but experiences that he may learn to cope with as he achieves a sense of self identity and acceptance - to understand who he is, where he comes from and what the future holds for him. The foster child is a product of his past. The foster family must accept him as he is and offer him the trust, the love, the affection, and the firm discipline that he has never known.

Open your heart, your home, your family to the teenager who needs you by contacting:

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